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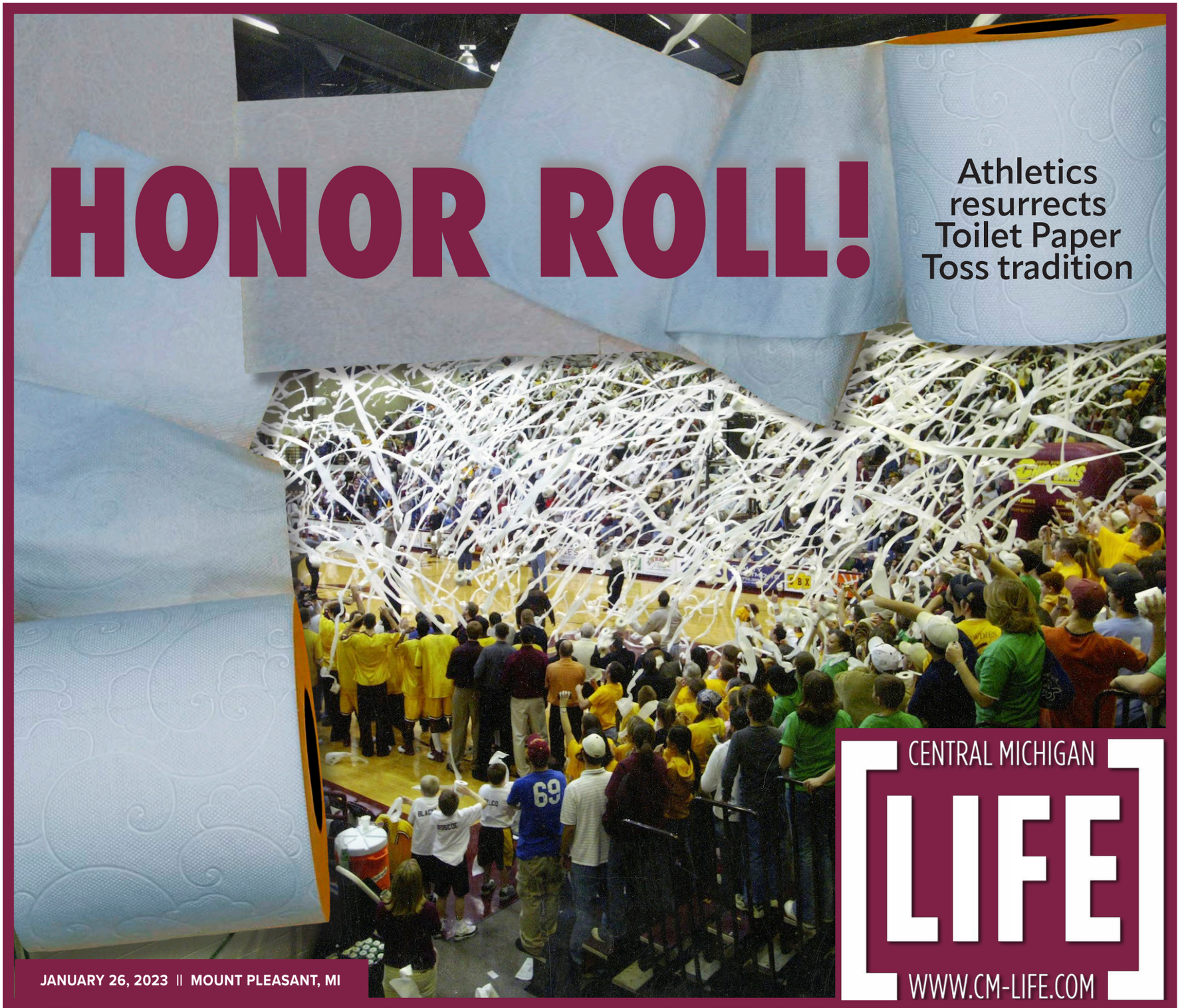

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Students hold up handmade posters during the CommUNITY Peace March & Vigil Monday, Jan. 16, outside Moore Hall.

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Banned Toilet Paper Toss makes its way back to McGuirk

By Megan Youngblood
Staff Reporter

Forty years ago, Central Michigan University hosted its first toilet paper toss. After the Chippewas scored their first basket, fans erupted by throwing rolls of toilet paper onto the court.

On Saturday Jan. 28, in celebration of CMU hosting Mid-American Conference rivals Western Michigan, the tradition is making its return just before tip-off.

Along with toilet paper being provided, fans are encouraged to wear white. The first 2,500 fans will receive white pom-poms, and the first 250 students will get a free Snake Pit tee shirt in honor of the former name of the Chippewas student section. Courtesy of QDOBA, the first 200 students will get a wristband upon entry, inviting them to a free half-time meal.

Since the year 2000, Western Michigan has won a total of 18 out of the 35 games with CMU. With a win on Saturday, the Chippewas will tie the Broncos and redeem themselves from last year's 77-63 loss.

As of Jan. 25, CMU and the Broncos have a 2-5 record in MAC play.

History of the toss

During the 1980s, students living in the residence halls challenged each other to different contests to try and prove which residence had the best school spirit.

Attempting to claim the throne of most spirited residence hall, Thorpe Hall came up with the idea of bringing toilet paper to one of the men's basketball games to throw on the court during a game on Feb. 5, 1983.

Little did they know what they were starting.

Throughout the 80s, the trend of throwing toilet paper onto the court went back and forth, never really catching on. It wasn't until the 1986-87 season that it became well-known occurence.

"The opponent just was ready for it," Public Services Librarian Bryan Whitledge said. "They let CMU win the tip, let them go do their thing, let them dunk.

"Picture this scene: CMU wins the tip, 'Lightning' Leavy (Ervin Leavy) gets it, tosses it down the court to streaking Dan Majerle who slams it home (and) toilet paper rains on the court.

"Opposing teams didn't like to come to Central," he concluded. "It was a tough place to play."

"We were packed every night," Majerle said. "The first bucket when the toilet paper came out, it was just - it was awesome. I've never been really involved in something like that. And it was very exciting. It was a lot of fun."

It became a staple that not only put CMU on the map, but it became a sense of pride for the students and faculty.

"But it was a tradition like none other I've ever seen," Majerle said. "It was totally crazy. I mean ... it looked like it was snowing inside the arena with all the toilet paper and it was something that was very special."

According to a Feb. 13, 1987 article in *Central Michigan Life*, the toilet paper toss "has become

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Activist for University Digital Records

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Dan Majerle
CMU Alumnus

something for Chippewa fans to be proud of." Then-head basketball coach Charlie Coles told the paper, "It's something we do better than anyone else in the country."

A sense of pride soon became a problem, as students took it to extreme levels.

"Some of the students weren't really approaching the event with the best spirit," Whitledge said. "They were turning the rolls of toilet paper into a projectile, they were soaking it in water and tossing it at the other team."

Attempting to ease the toilet paper fiasco, residence halls' front desk staff had sign-up sheets tracking every request for a roll of toilet paper and making note of how often certain rooms needed refills leading up to basketball games.

With residence halls tracking the amount of toilet paper, students got creative, finding free rolls in different buildings across campus. Local grocery stores assisted the students by advertising the sale of toilet paper right before each game.

CMU officials responded by halting students from throwing toilet paper. The MAC made a rule banning the throwing of any objects onto the court during a game.

According to the Dec. 14, 1987, issue of *CM Life*: "Since everyone knew simply asking students to stop would provide insufficient, all rolls of tissue will be confiscated at the door. Any person who smuggles the toilet paper into Rose and tosses it will be escorted from the arena."

While the tradition came to an end, it was brought back for one game on February 9, 2004, to celebrate Central Michigan's 100th season of men's basketball. That was the last time CMU participated in a toilet paper toss.

— Sports Editor Ashley Birkeness contributed to this story.

For more sports information on this story, visit WWW.CM-LIFE.COM

Before you go

WHO: Central Michigan University men's basketball vs. Western Michigan University

WHAT: Annual rivalry game, featuring a return of the Toilet Paper Toss and a special recognition of CMU alumni and former NBA player Dan Majerle

WHEN: Tip-off at 7 p.m. Jan. 28

WHERE: McGuirk Arena

INFO: Adult general admission is $9; youth/senior general admission is $7; group general admission of 10 or more seats is $3 per person. The first 2,500 fans will receive white pom-poms and the first 250 students will receive a free Snake Pit tee shirt.

Flush with facts

Let's be honest: It's easy to forget about toilet paper until you need it. It's not the most glamorous amenity in the bathroom – although it is arguably among the most useful.

As you're warming up your throwing arm for the return of the Toilet Paper Toss, we at *Central Michigan Life* thought we would also give your brain a workout. So, here are 10 facts you may not have known about that humble roll of toilet paper, courtesy of www.toiletpaperhistory.net:

1. Toilet paper was first patented in Albany, N.Y.

2. An estimated four billion people (more than half of the globe's population) don't use toilet paper. Rather, water is considered the universal solvent.

3. The reasons for forgoing the roll range from lack of trees to cost.

4. Despite its name, two-ply toilet paper is not necessarily twice the thickness of its one-ply counterpart.

5. The average household takes about five days to use one roll of toilet paper.

6. Consumers use an average of 57 sheets of T.P. per day.

7. The daily global production of toilet paper is more than 83 million rolls.

8. It takes about 484 trees to make the toilet paper that one person will use in their lifetime.

9. About 7 percent of Americans steal rolls of toilet paper from hotels or motels.

10. Someone who hangs the toilet paper so it can be pulled from the bottom is believed to be more intelligent than someone who hangs it so that it unrolls from the top. So that answers that debate.

- CM Life staff reports

Students connect to heritage with Lunar New Year

By Jordan Agosta
Staff Reporter

Fireworks, food and an abundance of the color red can only mean one thing: the Lunar New Year is here.

The Lunar New Year fell on Jan. 22 this year and consisted of multi-day celebrations. While the Lunar New Year often gets attributed to being the Chinese New Year, there are other countries that celebrate and bring their own traditions to the holiday.

Many are proclaiming 2023 the year of the rabbit, but that does not apply to every Asian country. In Vietnam, 2023 marks the year of the cat, due to the difference in zodiac animals in each culture.

When the Lunar New Year comes around, it is not just a one-day celebration. Multiple days are allotted either before or after the Lunar New Year. This time is given so that people can travel home to be with their families.

The number of days varies by country. For example, China takes 15 days while other countries like Vietnam and North and South Korea only take three.

"It's pretty much about coming back with family and starting the new year with the people you love," Holland sophomore Isaiah Nguyen said.

Celebrations center around family getting together and preparing traditional food. Nguyen and his family spend all day prepping for the main meal. For his family, freshly made spring rolls are a staple every year.

Other traditions use fireworks to get rid of evil spirits from the previous year and make space for better ones in the new year.

Another aspect of the Lunar New Year is the importance of the color red. It symbolizes good luck and good fortune. Red envelopes of money are given out by the elderly, well-off individuals or by parents. These packages or envelopes can be given to anyone that celebrates. The lucky money is meant to signify prosperity in the coming year.

Central Michigan University's lack of events for the Lunar New Year this past week left many students wondering how they were going to celebrate.

"I was a little disappointed about that because I was looking for something," Nguyen said. "If (the Lunar New Year) is in the middle of the week I'm like, 'I can't make it home because I have classes.'"

One of the only celebrations on campus was put on by the Organization of Asian Leaders (OAL). The celebration took place on Jan. 24 during its general meeting at the Education and Human Services building. The OAL provided food from Dragon Express and talked about upcoming fundraising and social events. The main activity for the evening consisted of cutting out a red envelope and writing a note for either themselves or somebody else.

The OAL is a diverse group made up of students from various backgrounds and cultures. Some celebrate the Lunar New Year more so than others, but everyone puts their own spin on it.

Grand Rapids freshman Lindsey Nguyen, who is not related to Isaiah Nguyen, is a member of OAL, and celebrates by going to her Vietnamese Catholic church. She said depending on what day of the week it falls on, the church hosts mass on the closest Sunday. She also stated that the way she celebrates may not be the same as other people in different towns.

"We wear our traditional Vietnamese dress and the adults pass out the lucky money," Lindsey Nguyen said. "We watch the dragon dance, teenagers and young adults get into that dragon suit and dance around to the traditional gongs and drums."

Rockford Freshman Megan Hart mentioned how important it is to stay in touch with her culture, even if she is thousands of miles away from where her family originated. Part of the way that she celebrates is by going out to eat and getting an Asian pineapple bun.

"Lunar New Year is important to me because it's part of my heritage as an Asian-American," Hart said. "I'm half white, half Asian, so I like to connect to both sides."

Celebrations of the Lunar New Year ranged across the globe. According to TIME Magazine, an estimated 2 billion people celebrate every year. Countries in Eastern Asia are the main areas that celebrate, but many people in America or other countries use this time to reconnect with their roots.

During a time that was supposed to be spent with dancing and gift giving, Monterey Park, California faced tragedy. During a Lunar New Year celebration at a Chinese-owned dance hall, a gunman opened fire leaving 11 dead and nine injured.

On a day that was meant to be a joyous celebration of bringing in the new year, many across the world were left in shock and anguish.

The OAL will have a table at MainStage Jan. 29 at Finch Fieldhouse, where the campus community can come and learn about how to empower Asian leaders and celebrate Asian culture.

RAT	The first of the zodiac animals, the rat is associated with cleverness, quick-thinking and success. According to one legend, the Jade Emperor said the order of the signs would be decided by the order in which the animals arrived to his party. Rat tricked Ox into giving it a ride and, as they arrived at their destination, jumped down and crossed the finish line first.
OXEN	The stalwart second of the zodiac, oxen are hard workers who prefer to toil in the background without demanding praise. It was the honest Ox that gave Rat a lift to the finish line, inadvertently and humbly costing itself the top spot in the celestial race.
TIGER	Courageous, active and challenge-driven, the legend of the zodiac says Tiger was confident that no one would beat him in the Jade Emperor's contest. Upon climbing out of the river – certain of its first-place finish – Tiger learned it was bested, and this big cat became the third of the signs.
RABBIT	Much as in the modern fairy tale that paired an overly confident hare against a constant tortoise, legend tells us that proud Rabbit zoomed well ahead in the footrace to the Jade Emperor's party. Confident that no one would best it, Rabbit settled in for a sideline nap and when it woke, found three others had crossed the finish line.
DRAGON	If bets had been placed on the celestial finish, the odds-on favorite would have been the strong and independent Dragon. The most revered animal in Chinese culture, legend tells us that when the Dragon trailed rabbit across the finish line, the Jade Emperor inquired why the delay. The Dragon responded that it saw a village suffering from drought, Dragon stopped to create rain for them. Thus, Dragon earned the fifth spot in the celestial cycle.
SNAKE	Next to cross the finish line, or at least to catch the Jade Emperor's eye as it did so, was Snake. Legend says the serpentine pals that were Snake and Dragon arrived at the party together, but because deep and complex Snake was so much smaller than its fifth-place friend, it was counted as sixth.
HORSE	Seventh to the Jade Emperor's celebration, and in the cycle, was the free-spirited Horse. Legend says the four-legged beast of burden was galloping along to victory when it was spooked at a cemetery. Too wary to pass at first, the Horse was slowed by the obstacle.
SHEEP	Loving and selfless — sometimes to a fault — Sheep was the eighth animal to cross the finish line and secure a spot in the celestial cycle. Legend says Sheep was actually traveling with Deer, and they had to cross a river. Deer gave up; Sheep persevered and finally arrived at the party in eighth place.
MONKEY	Legend tells us that at the time of the Jade Emperor's race, a trio of critters led by lighthearted Monkey were away, helping a god defeat evil spirits. They arrived together to the party, so the emperor awarded them spots in the cycle based on the order in which they met the god. Monkey placed ninth.
ROOSTER	Complex and strong Rooster also helped battle evil spirits. Still considered a protector, the proud bird was the second of the trio to meet the god, and the Jade Emperor awarded it the 10th spot in the zodiac.
DOG	An honest, loyal and true friend, Dog was quick to help battle evil spirits. Legend tells us man's best friend became the third member of the evil-fighting trio and the 11th year of the zodiac.
PIG	Last but not least across the line was the personable Pig. Known for its vibrant personality and general good fortune, legend says the porcine competitor either overslept and was late to the race or its house was destroyed and had to be rebuit before heading out. Pig secured the 12th seat in the stars.

(Left) Information from chinesezodiac.net

Visual Chart made by Madelyn Kerbyson, Kendyl Wilson, Akhila Sannidhi and Caroline Sharbaugh

‘Building a community is important’

By Masha Smahliuk
Staff Reporter

Nearly 50 students gathered in a safe and supportive space to engage in activities, make new friends and voice their experiences and challenges.

On Jan. 20, the Bovee University Center Terrace Rooms hosted an LGBTQ+ summit organized by the Office of LGBTQ Services and Gender Equity Programs at Central Michigan University.

Shannon Jolliffe-Dettore is the Director of the Office of LGBTQ+ Services and Gender Equity Programs. She said the summit was a space for LGBTQ+ students to come together and share how they are doing.

“My hope was that we would be able to find community, build up some community in the space and really co-create what it is that students are looking for,” Jolliffe-Dettore said. “I think that we accomplish that.”

The summit started with a question about what a community is. Students wrote their answers on sticky notes. They worked individually and in groups to warm up and get to know each other.

Arianna Line, a freshman, and Mo Gill, a sophomore, said the summit was a good opportunity to meet new people and to be a part of a community where they know they are accepted.

“Being around people that you can relate to and be safe around is very important. Building a community is important.... It makes it easier to know where you can go for support,” Line said.

Line said she wrote that a community is support and unconditional love on her sticky note.

Jolliffe-Dettore shared with students that the Office of LGBTQ Services and Gender Equity Programs is a resource and a safe place for LGBTQ+ community. She said her office does educational programming, classroom involvements, funds LGBTQ+ student organizations’ events and supports people individually. Jolliffe-Dettore said that students can see her one-on-one or come hang out at the office in the Bovee University Center room 108B.

James Span, the executive director of Student Inclusion and

Jo Kenoshmeg | Staff Photographer
CMU students share their opinion on what helps them thrive in a community at the LGBTQ+ Student Summit, Friday, Jan. 20, in the UC Terrace Rooms.

Diversity, said he attended the event to support Jolliffe-Dettore and to hear what students want to say.

"I believe people are who they are," Span said. "I don't judge anyone based on how they identify. So personally, I continue to offer my support to let people know not only is this (the summit) literally a safe space, but I have a safe space as well to let people know (there is) no judgement here. I am in a learning process to continue to learn to be an ally as best as I can be (with) whatever resources I have available to offer."

Students shared resources that they created as well. Five LGBTQ+ student organizations such as Spectrum, oSTEM, Queers and Allies and others invited new members to come and talked about their future plans.

Lauren Hicks, a CMU senior, is the vice president of Spectrum. Hicks said Spectrum is a place for queer people and allies. She said not only people in the LGBTQ+ community, but also people who want to learn or support a family member or significant other, can join Spectrum. She said she was glad to participate in a summit.

"I think it's important that all of the queer organizations kind of work together on campus and communicate so that we can do the best service to others on campus," Hicks said.

Sophia Scarnecchi is a junior at CMU and the diversity and inclusion chair at Spectrum.

"You aren't alone. There are a lot of places that are on campus that are willing to help you," Scarnecchi said. "Even if it is just like an RSO that may want to take you to the pumpkin patch... It's a group of people that still want to be around you and make you realize that you are cared for on this campus."

Scarnecchi is also starting their new student organization called Pride in Color. Pride in Color is going to be a peer support group for students of color who are LGBTQ+. Scarnecchi said their experience as an LGBTQ+ person of color is different from an LGBTQ+ white person.

"I realized... the trauma and culture and tradition that grows around people of color is a lot more different than what is seen through white people," Scarnecchi said.

Scarnecchi said they wanted to organize a space where they can support both identities that intersect and create a safe private space for members. Pride in Color meets on Fridays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Foust 135.

Renee Watson, the vice president of Student Affairs, joined the summit to speak with students and listen to their concerns about what can be done better at CMU for the LGBTQ+ community. In her speech, Watson talked about her personal experience as a same-gender-loving person and said that it is important to have LGBTQ+ voices heard. Students supported Watson.

"We need you to step up," Watson said in her speech to students. "We need you to hold us accountable. We need you to help us understand what the role of math (is), because it's different for so many. I'm so thankful that you're here to be a community, but to also let us know where we can improve."

Watson said she wanted to learn more about LGBTQ+ students on campus.

"I care about all students and I want to understand how I can affect change on their behalf," she said.

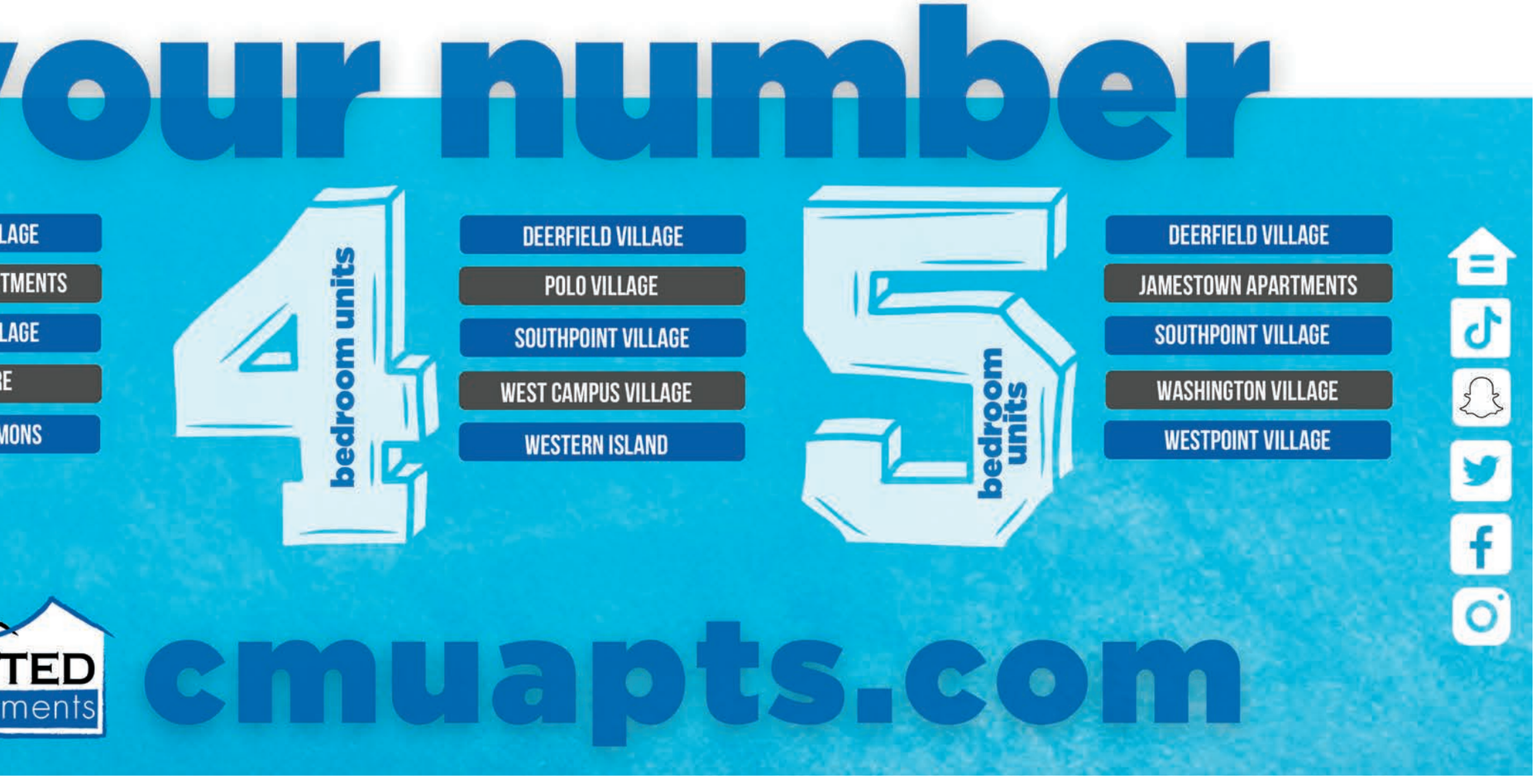
Students spoke openly about their concerns. They talked about:

- difficulties with changing their names using CMU technology,
- a need for more gender-inclusive bathrooms and signs for those bathrooms in the buildings and a
- requested a floor for LGBTQ+ students for housing.

Watson took notes and said she will be working on Lunch and Learn events to bring the campus together and start a conversation about LGBTQ+ community concerns.

Span said he was thankful that students spoke honestly about their experiences. He said he is looking forward to "taking the information that they provided us and (turning) it into action." He said it is important to give more opportunities for students to speak up.

"I'm excited about where we go from here," Span said.



Life in Brief

I-Ride to help host WCFX's Caravan of Care

By Bryce Hollins
Staff Reporter

Isabella County's Transportation Commision, better known as I-Ride, is partnering with WCFX 95.3 and the William and Janet Strickland Nonprofit Center to help host its Caravan for Care event.

From Jan. 23 to 27, WCFX will be at the nonprofit center collecting non-perishable donations to help assist six nonprofit agencies in the Mount Pleasant area in supporting residents and families in need.

WCFX 95.3 Station Manager Kent Bergstrom said Caravan for Care has been ongoing for over 20 years now, though this is their first event since the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020.

"Each one of the charities has a wish list and what they're looking for," Bergstrom said. "Most of it is food, but there's money and there's clothes and there's household items that everybody's looking for."

On Jan. 26, I-Ride is collecting non-perishable food items equal to or greater than the value of the normal fare of $2 as payment. Other non-perishable items such as toilet paper, garbage bags and cleaning supplies will also be accepted for donation.

"Our role is simply to provide one day of donations as bus fare to help support the local pantries," I-Ride Executive Director Rick Collins said.

All items can be donated at the nonprofit center, or you can call I-Ride at 989-772-9441 and request a donation pickup from your location.

"If people can't get to give the donations themselves at the Strickler Center, they can certainly give us a call and we can pick up their donation for them," Collins said.

The William and Janet Strickland Nonprofit Center, located at 1114 W. High St., provides building space to a coalition of Mount Pleasant-area nonprofit agencies to help its mission to support the local community.

All six charities and their individual wishlists, as well as drop off times and locations, can be found at wcfx.com/pages/caravan-of-care.

CMU announces search committee for next AVP of financial services and reporting/controller

By Bryce Hollins
Staff Reporter

According to a press release on CMU's website, a committee has been formed to conduct the search for Central Michigan University's next associate vice president, financial services and reporting/controller.

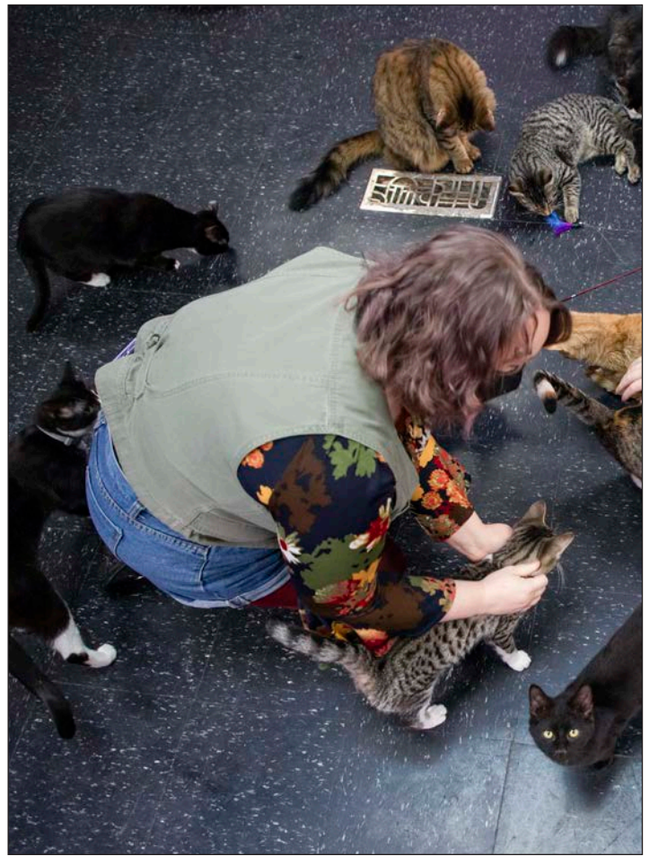
The committee, chaired by Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Jonathan Webb, and consisting of six CMU faculty members, was appointed by CMU Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services Mary Moran Hill, who was named vice president & chief financial officer in early December 2022.

Hill, who has worked at CMU for over 30 years in various roles and committees, replaced Nick Long. He resigned in July 2022 after two years at the position.

The vice president and chief financial officer is responsible for overseeing departments regarding finance and administrative services, such as auxiliary services, facilities management, financial planning and budgets, financial services and reporting, human resources and the CMU Police Department.

The search will be conducted over the 2023 spring semester and is supported by CMU Human Resources and the Office of Civil Rights and Institutional Equity.

Cat-astrophic need for volunteers



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A volunteer plays with cats at the Karma Kat Cafe in Mount Pleasant in this 2022 photo.

Masha Smahliuk | Staff Reporter
A cat begs for attention at the Karma Kat Cafe in Mount Pleasant.

By Masha Smahliuk
Staff Reporter

Karma Kat Cafe, a cat shelter in Mount Pleasant, is approaching 1,000 cat adoptions and is in desperate need of volunteers.

"We are shouting for your help," its Facebook page said.

On Jan. 11, the cat cafe wrote that they had no people signed up to volunteer for two days straight, along with the following days that week.

Sean Roberts, a Karma Kat employee, said the lack of volunteers was due to winter break. A lot of the cafe's volunteers are Central Michigan University students, and the majority of those student volunteers went home for the winter holidays.

Now, the desperate volunteer situation is a little better, Roberts said. As of Jan. 17, four volunteers came to help — which meant all volunteer spots were occupied. Roberts said every day this week there are two to four people that have signed up to help.

"It's good experience," Roberts said. "Some people, even minors, can (volunteer) for school (and) volunteer hours — (it is) great for people who do community work."

Roberts said those who volunteer can spend time with the cats for free.

Karma Kat Cafe needs volunteers every day to be able to prepare for opening, Roberts said. According to the Karma Kat Cafe Facebook page, volunteer work includes:

- sweeping;
- mopping;
- scooping litter boxes;
- cleaning quarantine cages;
- wiping down surfaces; and
- filling and cleaning water and food dishes

Volunteer times 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Volunteers can sign up at Karma Kat Cafe's website as well as just walk in. People under 18 years old must have a waiver signed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Engage in your community and see what's happening

1/27

Friday

Audition Day Student Showcase

9:30 to 11 a.m.
Staples Family Concert Hall

*Free and open to public

1/28

Saturday

Toilet Paper Toss: CMU vs. Western

7 p.m.
McGuirk Arena

*Check cmich.edu athletics for first-come first-serve goodies

1/29

Sunday

Spring MainStage

1 to 5 p.m.
Finch Fieldhouse

*Free and open to students

1/30

Monday

Faith in Feminity at CMU: Self Care and Support Night

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Dow Science Complex 108

*Free for all students; self care gift bag included; RSVP

1/31

Tuesday

Tuesday Cornhole League

7 p.m.
Wayside

*Cash prize for winner

2/1

Wednesday

Women's Basketball: CMU vs. Toledo Rockets

7 p.m.
McGuirk Arena

*Tickets required

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Thursday

Creative Writing Workshop - Short Stories

6 to 8 p.m.
Art Reach of Mid Michigan

*Information and tickets available at artreachcenter.org

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Friday

CMU Sales Challenge: Practice Selling Yourself

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Grawn Hall Atrium

*Online registration required, lunch provided

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Chris Young Tour 2023

8 p.m.
Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort Entertainment Hall
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Sunday

CMU Wrestling vs. Kent State University

2 p.m.
McGuirk Arena

*Free for students; $9 for adults; $6 for youth/seniors

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Monday

Medical Bias Against Women of Color: A Discussion with Dr. Donnesha Blake

5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Dow Science Complex 108

*RSVP on Engage Central to attend

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Tuesday

Psychology Advising Night: learn about the psychology major

5 to 6:30 p.m.
Bovee University Center Maroon, Gold, and Chippewa Rooms
*Participants can join at any time during the event

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Wednesday

Liberated Through Fashion: Black History and Culture

7 to 8 p.m.
College of Education and Human Services French Auditorium

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Guest Artist James Carter with Jazz Lab 1 - 50th Annual Jazz Festival

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CMU basketball legend makes his return

By Ryan Colores and Ashley Birkeness
Staff Reporter and Sports Editor

Alongside an old tradition of the toilet paper toss returning to McGuirk Arena on Saturday, Central Michigan basketball's perhaps most-renowned player will join the mayhem.

Dan Majerle, the guard who played for CMU from 1984-1988, will be honored. His return to Mount Pleasant will take place during Saturday's game against rival Western Michigan.

Majerle was given the nickname "Thunder Dan" thanks to his prowess on the court. He was a part of a duo with guard Ervin Leavy who was known as the lightning to Majerle's thunder.

"He was an outside shooter in college, I was an inside player," Majerle said. "They kind of coined us the thunder and lightning.

"We were the thunder, lightning show and it just kind of stuck."

His jersey, No. 44, hangs in the lights of McGuirk and is one of seven numbers retired by CMU Athletics. However, Majerle's number was brought back down to action this year as it now worn by his son, Max Majerle.

"When he called me and asked me if he could wear my number, I said it was totally up to him, but I couldn't be more (proud)," Majerle said. "And then to watch him play and see him get better every game and play hard. ... Any parents that watch their kids play, they want (them) to do really well.

"But like I said, I'm extremely proud of what he's doing and how hard he's working."

The Majerle name runs deep throughout CMU. His brother Jeff Majerle played for CMU between 1987-1991, overlapping with Dan's senior season.

In his four seasons as a Chippewa, Dan averaged 21.8 points per game, including a career-high 23.7 points in his senior season. He is second for CMU's all-time single season point total and fifth all-time in scoring average. In each of his seasons, he led the team in scoring average.

"(It will be) great to be back in Mount Pleasant," Majerle said. "And spend a couple days there and be at the arena and just see everybody and kind of relive the past to see a lot of people that I haven't seen for a long time. So, I'm really looking forward to it, should be a fun weekend."

Among his list of achievements during his decorated career at CMU, Marjele was named to the All-MAC First Team between 1986-88 as well as Mid-American Conference tournament MVP in CMU's 1986-87 MAC tournament championship.

Majerle's final season at CMU was highlighted by being named the 1988 USA Basketball Male Athlete of the Year.

After his time at CMU, Dan was drafted 14th overall by the Phoenix Suns in the 1988 NBA Draft. He played with the franchise for seven seasons before being traded to the Cleveland Cavaliers on Oct. 7, 1995. In Phoenix, he shared the floor with former MVP Charles Barkley, who publicly voiced his displeasure with the trade.

Marjele's NBA career spanned over 14 seasons. In addition to Phoenix and Cleveland he spent time with the Miami Heat. He was a three-time NBA All-Star selection, as well as a two-time NBA All-Defensive Second-Team selection.

Marjele is one of three former CMU basketball players in the Mid-American Conference Hall of Fame. He was also an inductee of the CMU Hall of Fame Class of 1998.

Marie Underwood | Staff Photographer
Freshman guard Max Majerle, left, plays defense during a game against Eastern Illinois on Sunday, Nov. 13, in McGuirk Arena.

CM Life file photo | Tim Fitzgerald
Dan Majerle, right, applies defensive pressure to Bowling Green's Lamon Pipppin in this 1988 photo.

Gymnastics wins home opener against NIU

By Hadlee Peters
Staff Reporter

Central Michigan University gymnastics placed first in all four events, picking up its first win of the season against Northern Illinois University on Saturday.

A dominate floor performance claimed the 195.425-193.600 victory for the Chippewas as they secured their first Mid-American Conference win.

The Chippewas jumped to an early lead on vault. Senior Hannah DeMers started the competition and led with a day-high 9.850 on the vault.

Junior Adriana Bustelo had a big day with two top finishes. She had a career best 9.925 on the uneven bars and a 9.85 on beam.

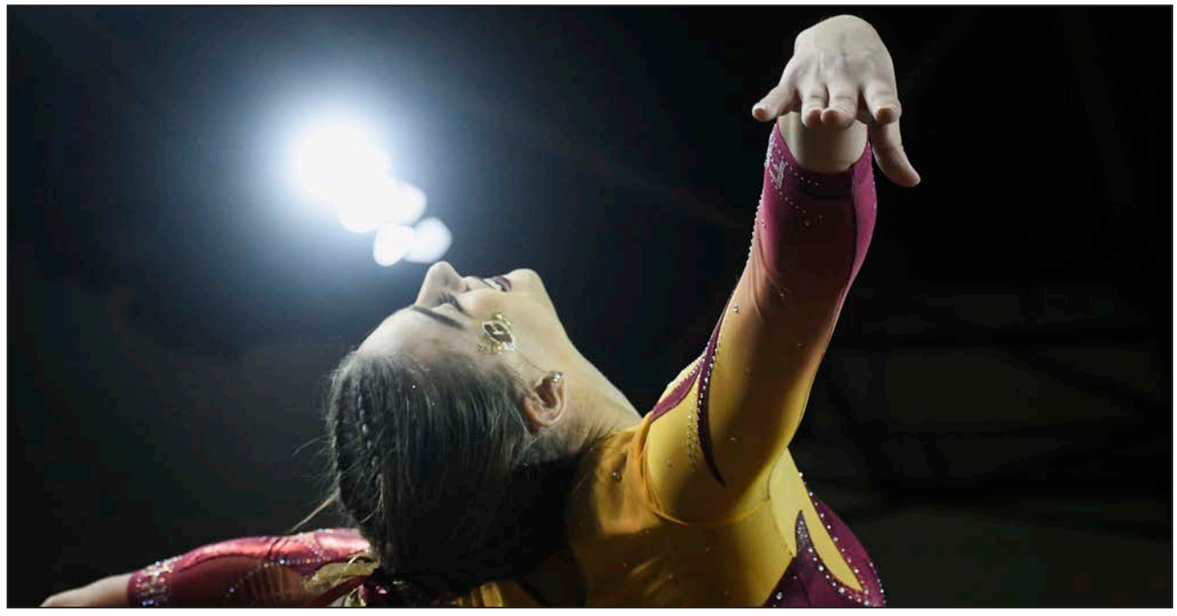
"I wasn't too stressed," Bustelo said. "I was just focusing on the words that I normally tell myself, and just reassuring myself that I could do it for the team."

The team also claimed all top five spots for their floor routines allowing them to clinch its first win of the season. Senior Taylor Pitchell received the first-place score of 9.925. DeMers and junior Elizabeth Buttle posted the second highest scores on floor with 9.900.

"I just step up and do what I've been training in the gym, and just trust it," Pitchell said. "I don't even have to think about it because it's just every day I work for the same thing."

"We challenge each other to get one-tenth better," head coach Christine MacDonald said. "We take it as a nameless, faceless opponent in the fact that our performance is independent of the competition."

The Chippewas face Bowling Green on Friday at 7 p.m. at McGuirk Arena.



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Redshirt sophomore Hallie Hornbacher performs her floor exercise routine at the CMU Women's gymnastics meet against the Northern Illinois Huskies Saturday, Jan. 21, in McGuirk Arena. This performance earned her a score of 9.875.

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EDITORIAL

Last week, we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Week and this week, the campus honored Jewish heritage.

If the past two weeks have taught us anything, it's how often change has come from students.

On Jan. 16, the CommUNITY Peace Brunch highlighted several Central Michigan University students who have made a difference on campus.

Executive Director of Student Inclusion and Diversity James Span Jr., said after hearing the student speakers, he could understand why they were awarded.

"They were very passionate, very clear on what they as individuals can do and even motivational in that respect," he said. "Not only to students but to everyone that was listening, to realize that they have a role and that they can do something as well.

Alyssa Corral, Eduardo Dominguez, Jacob Kapusansky, Sophia Scarnecchia, Aniya Lewis and Tyler Thompson, we applaud you and we admire you.

Just like King said in his famous Drum Major Instinct sermon, "A desire to be out front, a desire to lead the parade, a desire to be first" should not define greatness. But rather, "everybody can be great ... because everybody can serve."

King, who emerged as a leader in his mid-20s, lent his life to service. Students on our campus are living examples of his legacy.

"We must create the community we want for ourselves and others," President Bob Davies said at the peace brunch.

This week, CMU Hillel members Elizabeth Slater, Lily Segall, Kirsten Morey, Jenna Clark and Jamie Haisma proved yet again that determined students can make a difference. They ensured their voices were heard and their goal to partner with the university was met by collaborating with several campus partners to host five events for Jewish Heritage Week.

After a semester of discussion and uncertainty if it would happen, the events have been well-attended.

You can be just like any one of these student leaders. You just have to put in the work.

If there is something you are passionate about — whether it's starting a registered student organization, pursuing a daunting project or creating awareness about an important issue, you have the power to do it. As long as you believe in the cause, you will find others that do too.

There are many ways to embrace action and leadership, just like King and many CMU students have done. One way is through volunteering.

There are endless opportunities to help the community around you and create positive change.

On-campus, you can check out the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center, which connects students to opportunities on campus, in the community and across America.

It offers a wealth of volunteer experiences including Alternative Breaks, America Counts & Reads, Central Civics, Student Food Pantry and Financial Wellness Collaborative.

For more information about on-campus volunteer opportunities, visit the Mary Ellen Brandell Volunteer Center website. For an extended list of volunteer opportunities near you, check out volunteermatch.org.

At heart, leaders are those who give back to others. Be a leader by serving your community.

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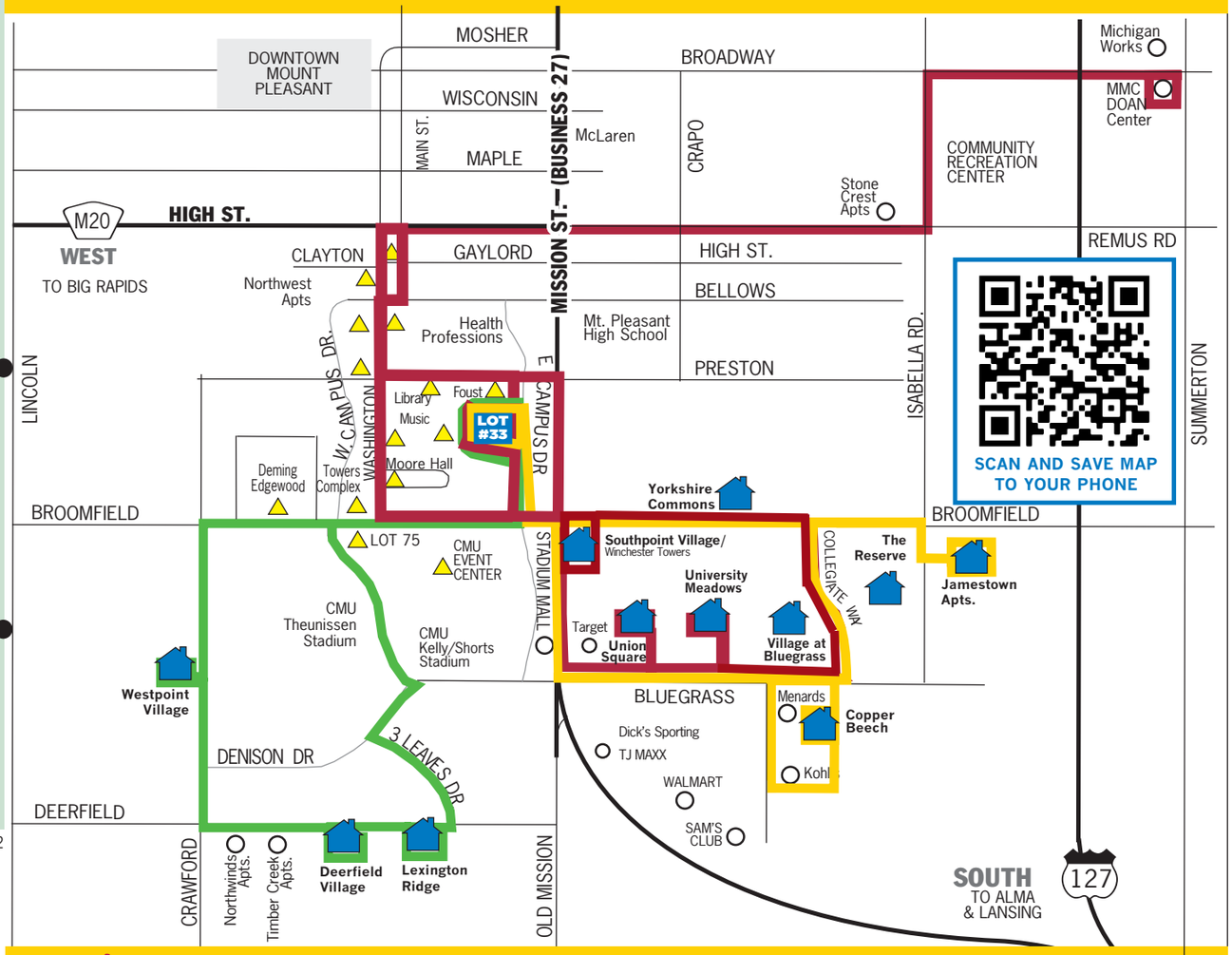

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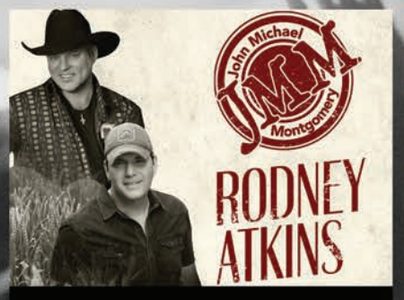

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